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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/538,475
Confirmation Number	8142
Filing Date	March 30, 2000
First Named Inventor	Masao TOKITA
Group Art Unit	1722
Examiner Name	T. Nguyen
Matter Number	Q58571

Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY LOADING POWDER MATERIAL INTO A MOLD
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. ☒ Other Excess Claim Fee Payment Letter

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name	Jeffrey A. Schmidt	Registration No.	41,574
Signature		Date	October 1, 2003



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
Masao TOKITA

Docket No: Q58571

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

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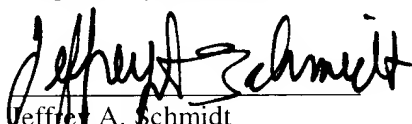
Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For						
All Claims	29	-	22	=	7	X	\$18.00	=	\$126.00
Independent	5	-	4	=	1	X	\$86.00	=	\$86.00
TOTAL								=	\$212.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$212.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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